

# The Weekly Ledger

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## ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 8

1864. Struggle between federal and confederate armies in the Wilderness at Spotsylvania began. In these battles the federal army lost 40,000 men.

1868. Grand Army instituted Decoration day, designating May 30.

MAY 6

1850. Humboldt died.

1860. Arkansas seceded.

MAY 7

1873. Pontiac Indian war began.

1874. Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase died in New York, aged 65.

MEMBER. CARTER AND SIMS are very anxious to close up the county fair matter. Make your subscription liberal and make it right away. This enterprise must not be allowed to fail.

The president of the St. Louis Alumni Association of Westminster College, Fulton, has appointed a committee to arrange for an exhibition for that college at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

The next annual meeting of the Northeast Missouri Live Stock Association will be held in Warrensburg on Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24. R. M. White, of the Weekly Ledger, will read a paper on "The Missouri Press and the World's Fair at St. Louis."

The St. Louis, Mo., Chamber of Commerce has bought \$1,000 worth of high glass jars in which to preserve fruits, vegetables, etc., for exhibit purposes, having in view the World's Fair at St. Louis, where San Joaquin County will be liberally represented.

There will be a meeting of the Business Men's Association Thursday evening to meet Mr. Thompson, promoter of the new electric line. The meeting will be at the Court House at 7:30 and should be attended by every business man.

JOHN WANAKER, pays over \$1,000 a day just for advertising his Philadelphia store. He uses a page a day in five daily newspapers in that city. They cost per year: Press, \$60,000; Ledger, \$60,000; Times, \$50,000; North American, \$75,000; and Evening Telegraph, \$50,000.

The Marshall Democrat-News editorially says: "Mexico, Mo., will be free delivery, July 1st. It is surprising to learn that this enterprising town, with almost exactly the same population as Marshall, has not already enjoyed this convenience as long as we have."

STOCKHOLDERS of the Mexico Building & Loan Association should see Secretary Glendon at once and sign the agreement to close up the affairs of the association. The association is perfectly solvent, but for reasons which are satisfactory to the directors and stockholders it is thought best to wind up the business.

THE Southampton, Long Island, N. Y., Seaside Times says: Col. John M. White, of Mexico, Mo., has been named by the president of the National Association as chairman of the committee to arrange the details for the international congress of editors to be held in connection with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904.

This death of Richard Fry should remind the young of this community that in the midst of life they are in death. Simply because you are young is no reason you should not be prepared to die. The Ledger joins the people of this community in sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fry in the loss of their eldest son.

In his report to the April meeting of the Board of Directors President Francis had the United States Government wanted ten acres on which to show the World's Fair visitors a plot of every kind of growing grain and forage plant suitable to our country. He reported also that the Mexican Government asked for a tract large enough to show the varieties of Mexican flora in cultivation, with room for archaeological displays and a national pavilion besides.

CONTRACTS for the construction of three more great World's Fair buildings on the Washington University tract have been let, the contractor giving bond to complete the work by March 31, 1905. These are the University Gymnasium, 94 feet x 161 feet 54 inches, which will be the Physical Culture building; the Exposition Library, 144 feet x 236 feet, which will be reserved by the Exposition for educational congresses; and the University dormitory and dining hall, 130 feet x 299 feet. The buildings are all to be of red granite with out limestone trimmings.

REVERTING to the work of the Missouri Press Association in connection with legislation for the benefit of newspaper men and along the lines of securing a building for the State Historical Society, we mention two or three newspapers in the State, which are inclined to do everything they can to hinder the work of the Press Association. To our certain knowledge these newspapers are benefited by the work done by the association in the way of printing the Australian ballot and other legal printing, which would have been done by any other printer for the same work of the members of the Press Association. It is queer that a single newspaper man in the State would be opposed to organization. Workers in every other line organize and secure material benefit. What reason is there that the newspaper men should not organize and work together for the best interests of the profession?

THE St. Joseph Leader referring to the proposed electric line from Mexico, Mo., to Perry, Mo., says: "Charles A. Thompson, a prominent promoter of this Titanic enterprise is a native of 'Imperial Missouri,' 24 years of age and born of humble parents. He was educated in the great school of adversity in his early days, but a little later in life he sat at the feet of the great school master of wit, vigor, push and fro-

gality until now he is the master of many acres. A short time ago he founded the station now known as Thompsonville. He is a farmer, trader and business man of rare ability, is highly esteemed by all who form his acquaintance, and a gentleman of honor who is pleased the greatest when he has helped in a charitable or financial way his fellow-men. And he has learned from him as assistants in the enterprise men who stand equally as high in the opinion of the general public.

IS today's LEDGER will be found a statement of the Mexico Building & Loan Association. This association, as will be seen from the statement, is perfectly solvent, but in view of the fact that there is no demand for the association's money, the directors have decided to close up business, and will proceed under the law to at once wind up its affairs. This association has been the means of building homes for a large number of people, and has been a great saving institution. Borrowers have been securing cheap money elsewhere, and there being no demand for the association's money it is clearly for the best interests of all concerned to wind up its affairs. With the cordial cooperation of all the stockholders the business will be closed up in a most satisfactory manner with very little cost. Every stockholder should see Secretary Glendon at once and sign the agreement. The dues will be collected, real estate, which is the property of the association, will be sold and all profits divided among the holders of stock.

THE Jefferson City Tribune says: "Col. Green Clay, of Mexico, was in the city Saturday on business and in the evening gave a Republican dinner to the quiet of private life has kept him out of the line light that illuminates the center of the stage. Private life has been his choice, too. He is a Missouri farmer, a Mississippi cotton planter, and a scholar and a statesman, belonging to the famous Kentucky Clay family. Some years ago Col. Clay served in the Missouri State Senate and his attitude on corporation matters gave the railroad lobby the cold shivers. Some of the very best legislation at present on the statutes of Missouri bearing on the regulation of freight rates is directly traceable to Col. Clay. He made some notable speeches while in the Senate. He lived at a distinguished old-fashioned Kentucky mansion, hospitality at a fine home in Australia county near Mexico. His son, Hon. Rhodes Clay, will again represent Australia in the General Assembly having recently been renominated."

COL. LOWELL, of the Missouri Democrat, spent Monday in Mexico and wrote a most interesting article regarding our prosperous little city and its future. Col. Lowell among other things says: "If Mexico is not proud of Hardin College she ought to be. We do not care to criticize, but it appears to an outsider that Mexico would be much improved if her streets were paved with Missouri brick. Mexico, taken all in all, is an excellent city and we believe the best advertised of any place of its size on the map. This, of course, is to be charged up to the account of two of the best known newspapers in the State, and whose proprietors always ally Mexico with capitalists all the way through. It is a bold day when they do not develop something that will call attention to Mexico. Hon. Sam B. Cook still claims Australia as his home and was there to vote and attend the convention. He has lost none of his old time popularity, and this political acumen and good judgment is still recognized in his home country and he received a hearty endorsement by the convention. The convention was harmonious throughout and put up strong and safe delegations to both conventions."

OUR line of 18c, 25c and 35c Lace Curtains and the 25c and 35c Cotton Warp Matting are money makers. We love to show such bargains.

Funeral Expenses of McKinley. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Congress will pay the funeral expenses of President McKinley, including the physicians' bills, which there has been so much contention. An item is to be inserted in the urgent deficiency bill, now under consideration by the House Committee on Appropriations, which provides for an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of attending the death and burial of the President.

It is understood that an agreement has been reached whereby \$51,000 of the amount appropriated shall go to the physicians, and the remainder will be used to defray the funeral expenses.

Friends of the dead President and others interested have been consulted, and it is believed that the allowance will be entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Statements of the expenses incurred were submitted to the committee and the amount named will cover all obligation of the government.

NEW DEPARTURE. We are the only agents for the genuine New Departure Cultivators.

Like Daisies Before the Scythe. Baby linen is destroyed in summer by children infestation. The attack of the disease is sudden, its progress is sometimes terribly rapid. Mothers who have given their children Perry Davis' Pinkettes can tell how this treatment has checked the diarrhoea and vomiting, and it is better than the alternative of 25 and 50 cents worth of medicine.

Child Died of Eating Strychnine. FORTZ, Mo., May 6.—The year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weichmann accidentally got hold of some strychnine pills belonging to his mother and ate them about 1 o'clock this evening and died in 20 minutes afterward.

A. F. Carter, formerly of this city, who travels for a St. Louis wholesale grocery house, was here today. Alex is meeting with much success and is looking well.

Steve Repairs. Tin gutters and iron work of all kinds. G. L. LINDSEY, Opposite Post Office.

Let us show you our stock of Baby Elephant Vehicles, we buy in our large lots and are able to give you close prices. J. J. PERRY & LAWRENCE.

# STATE SCHOOL FUND.

RICIDULOUS ACTION OF STONE COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

PHILIPS KNOWS BETTER.

Charge the Democrats with Looting the School Fund When the Records Show That Stone County Received More Money for School Purpose Than It Pays the State.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 1.—The resolutions of Stone County Republicans charging the Democracy with "looting and plundering" the State school fund is made the subject of Secretary Cook's latest chapter to his political hand-book.

It would be supposed, says Mr. Cook, that Missouri Republicans learn a lesson from the campaign of 1900, but evidently those who direct the policy of that party are incapable of an intelligent understanding of the State they once so grossly mismanaged.

That the follies of the campaign of two years ago are to be repeated this year is already evident. Here is a sample resolution which is being adopted under direction of Republican party managers:

"We deplore the condition of the one magnificent school fund of the State, which has been looted and plundered until we now have only a lot of worthless certificates of indebtedness."

This resolution was adopted by the Republicans of Stone County at their convention held in March.

STONE COUNTY'S BLUNDER. Stone is one of the rockier Republican counties of the Bald Knob region. It has been steadfast in its Republicanism ever since that party had control of the State. In the last campaign it gave a Republican majority of more than two to one. It may be interesting, therefore, to know the Republicans of Stone County have been made to suffer under the "looting and plundering" of Democratic State administrations. The official records at the State capital show that Stone county paid into the State treasury last year for all purposes, \$3,761.48.

The same records show that Stone county received from the State treasury last year for the support of her schools, \$3,881.38.

In other words, Missouri gave Stone county more money for the support of her district schools last year than the State paid to the State for all purposes. If we should add to this school money, which the State supplies Stone county, the amounts paid that county for costs in criminal cases, salary for her circuit judge, and cost of assessing the revenue, it will be readily seen that Missouri would be much better off financially if Stone county was enjoying the beneficent Republican administration of our sister state of Kansas.

HOW STONE FAIRLY UNDER REPUBLICAN RULE. But this is not all of the record. In view of this declaration of the Stone county Republicans, it is proper to compare the treatment that county is now receiving under Democratic State management with conditions which existed when the Republicans held sway in Missouri.

During the six years of Republican rule Stone county received from the State for the support of her schools, \$1,516.73.

During the last six years of Democratic administration when the Stone county Republicans so greatly deplore that county received from the State for the support of her schools, \$21,128.85.

In short, Stone county received from this "looted and plundered" State treasury last year alone more than twice as much school money as county received from the State during the entire six years of Republican control.

PHILIPS KNOWS BETTER. The Stone county Republicans, however, are not alone in declaring that the State's obligations are "worthless" and that the school fund has been "looted and plundered."

The Phelps county Republicans in a recent convention took occasion to deplore the "present Democratic State administration" for "looting this fund."

There may be some degree of allowance made for the Republicans of Stone county because of the fact that they evidently know but little of their own party's record. Few of them are really aware that during the six years their own party was in power in Missouri their county received on an average less than \$300 annually for school purposes, or that during a corresponding period of Democratic control their county received annually more than \$2,500.

The Stone county Republicans read Republican newspapers and listen to Republican campaign speeches, but they know that the present "administration" or any other administration, for that matter, has "looted" the State school fund, they are libeling their State.

The Republicans of Phelps county know that Missouri maintains in her own midst a State school for the support of which the Legislature appropriated \$119,000. They know that last year they received in addition to this appropriation \$5,431.00 for the support of their district schools, a larger amount than ever before received by that county from this fund.

# SICK MADE WELL.

WEAK MADE STRONG.

Marvelous Elixir of Life Discovered by Famous Doctor-Scientist That Cures Every Known Ailment.

Wonderful Cures are Effected That Seem Like Miracles Performed—The Secret of Long Life of Olden Times is Revived.

The Remedy is Free to All Who Send Name and Address.

After years of patient study and delving into the dusty record of the past, as well as following modern experiments in the realm of medical science, Dr. James William King, 2621 Madison St., Port Warren, Indiana, has made the startling announcement that he has

surely discovered the elixir of life. This is also the aid of a mysterious power, known only to himself, produced as a result of the years he has spent in seeking for this precious life-giving tonic, to cure any and every disease that is known to the human body.

Spoh prominent Republicans as Wells H. Blodgett, Louis Gotschall, Anthony Ittner, John L. Bittling, Joseph T. Tatum, James C. McGinnis, Ben F. Russell, Samuel P. Davidson and "Farmer" Wade were among his zealous adherents.

Moses T. Whybark, now candidate for the Republican nomination for Supreme Judge, who in 1893 was a member of the House from Bollinger county, voted with his Republican colleagues in support of the measure. So did Henry C. Brockmeyer, then a member of the Senate.

There is not a representative banker or lawyer in the State who did not stand in the transaction who will not say that the transaction was for the best interests of both the schools and the State, and that the investment of this fund in government bonds would be an inexcusable business blunder.

DRAGGING THE SCHOOLS INTO POLITICS. Never until the campaign of 1900 was the sacredness of this obligation or the wisdom of the investment questioned. It was left for the Republican party managers under the lead of an unscrupulous partisan journal to drag the schools of this State into partisan politics.

These same Republican party managers know that to pay of the \$4,329,422 now held in trust by the State for the public schools, it would be necessary to levy a direct tax on the people for that purpose. They know that the interest which the State pays on this fund goes to the people for the support of their schools and that not one dollar of this fund can be used for any other purpose.

They know that if this tax was levied on the people and the school certificates paid that the fund would then have to be invested in United States bonds which would not pay an interest exceeding 2 per cent.

They know that this difference between what the schools now receive and what they would receive under an investment in government bonds would have to be made up by direct tax on the property of the school district, or the schools would be forced to suffer the loss.

REDUCTION OF TAX RATE. They know that under the constitution an amendment to be submitted to the people this fall, the tax rate for State interest and indebtedness purposes, which was 25c on the \$100 under Republican rule and which has been reduced to 10c by Democratic business methods, will be still further reduced to 2c.

They know that Missouri distributed last year to the school districts of the State an amount of \$1,000,000 to the district schools alone, the largest amount in the history of the State, and this sum will be increased this year over \$100,000.

They know further that to charge that the school certificates are "worthless" is to assail the credit and integrity of the State itself and to charge that this fund which is now larger than at any time in the history of the State, has been "looted and plundered" is shown to be false by the records of every public school in the State, many of which would be unable to hold regular annual terms but for the State aid they receive.

Hon. W. H. Kennan attended the meeting of the board of directors of the Confederate home at Higginsville, Mo., this week. There are thirty-two occupants in the new hospital, twelve of whom are entirely helpless; others, whose health of the home, considering the age of the inmates is very good.

Frank Goddard is one of Australia's farmers who don't have to buy corn. Frank has old corn and oats for sale.

For your information I wish to say that the communication referred to was issued by Governor A. P. Marmaduke, instead of Gov. Marmaduke, and in support of this statement I enclose herewith the original letter which was written in my office in Wright City, Mo., June 3, 1898, by Gov. Marmaduke, addressed to Hugh McGowan, Sheriff of Jackson county, Kansas City, Mo., advising him that Bogard's sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

On the date in question the Governor was on his way from the capital to Troy, Mo., going by stage from Wright City to Troy, a distance of twenty-four miles.

# SETTLE NICELY LOCATED.

Former Citizen of Mexico Write of Incidents of Mucosque, I. T.—Was Threatened by Fire the First Night.

Correspondence of the Ledger. MUCOSQUE, I. T., May 4.—Perhaps the following jottings will interest some of our many readers. We took supper Tuesday night, April 22d, with Mrs. Settle's parents in Higbee and boarded the "City Flyer" at one o'clock Wednesday morning. We landed here at noon Wednesday without accident of any kind. Our car of goods arrived two days later with some slight damage to furniture.

The effects of the drought were very noticeable all the way, but decreased the nearer we got to this place. All the vegetation showed an increased advance. Wheat looks fine. There are miles and miles of as fine prairie farming lands here as one would wish to see, high and rolling, with sandy soil. We can stand two or three rains a week and not be troubled with mud; four hours' sunshine and wind will dry the ground after a hard rain, much to our relief, as there are no sidewalks here, except in the business part of the town. We have lots of hard hands with a very liberal supply of sandy dust, but it is not as hard on the lungs as Missouri dust.

We spent a week at the hotel looking for a suitable house, but are now domiciled very comfortably where we will stay until Sept. 15th, by which time we expect to be in our own home. While waiting we took meals at one place and rooms at another two blocks away. Our rooms were just across the street from the government jail in which they have from 250 to 300 prisoners and they keep up such a racket that a "tenderfoot" does not feel very comfortable at first, but soon gets used to it and feels safe there than anywhere else, as they keep armed sentinels on duty day and night.

About 11 o'clock the first night just as we got to sleep we had a sure enough scare by the burning of a large barn a few feet from our rooming house, which everyone thought was sure to burn. If it had it would have been impossible to have saved the jail, as the wind blew strong from the barn to it across the street, and the city has no fire protection, except an engine and company, which did excellent work that night. There was almost a panic at the hotel. I never saw such a hasty preparation made to vacate a building. About two hours after we got quiet another fire was discovered about five blocks away, which we saw, but did not attend. It was a large barn, and it was a pretty lively and warm reception for our first night.

The races here are considerably mixed and much divided. Whites, Indians and negroes about equal in numbers, considering which, you would be surprised at the good order prevailing in the whole town. I think this is attributable to the absence of saloons which, you know, Uncle Sam don't allow us to have. I've seen but one drunk man since I've been here and he was a white man.

This is a hustling, bustling, busy place. Some stocks of goods here would make a good showing in St. Louis or Kansas City. Hotels are crowded all the time. No one talks hard times. Furniture and provisions are higher, but other supplies are as cheap as in Mexico.

We have separate schools for whites and blacks, two colleges for whites. The Catholics and all of the protestants have churches. The men seem to outnumber the women at church and mostly young men from 25 to 40 years old.

Laborers get \$1.50 per day; carpenters \$2.50 to \$4; brick masons and plasterers \$3.50 to \$5 and all in demand. Clerks get \$50 to \$75 a month. It is estimated that there will be 700 houses built here this year. Board and lodgings here range from \$1.00 to \$2.00 a day; \$12 a week; furnished rooms \$7 to \$12; unfurnished \$4 to \$7 a month. Any boarding house can get all the guests they want at these prices, but I don't think they could possibly get a suitable house without buying or building.

We are well pleased with our venture so far and our congratulations to the successful candidates and our sympathies to the defeated ones and our kindest regards to everybody. The LEDGER is a very welcome visitor. Will try to answer any questions friends wish to ask. With best wishes for the LEDGER and its staff, I am, Yours truly, W. W. SETTLE.

STOCK AND FARM NOTES. The supply of native and beef cattle on the St. Louis live stock market Tuesday was about half the supply of the corresponding day of the previous week.

Beef and butcher steers sold from \$4.25 to \$6.75; butchers, \$3.25 to \$6.50; real calves, \$4.00 to \$6.50; steers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.50; heavy hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; light hogs, \$2.50 to \$3.50; average and above, sold at \$7.00 to \$7.25; medium weights, 100 to 200 lbs., \$6.50 to \$7.25; the bulk at \$6.75 to \$7.00; lights, 100 to 150 lbs., at \$5.50 to \$6.00; the bulk at \$6.00 to \$6.25; pigs under 100 lbs., at \$6.00 to \$6.25; heavy culs at \$5.50 to \$6.00; fat to good medium at \$6.00 to \$6.25. The top was \$7.25 and the bulk of the hogs above 150 lbs. sold at \$6.25 to \$7.00 against a top of \$7.25 and the bulk at \$6.50 to \$7.00 Monday.

Sheep—Spring lambs sold at \$6.50 to \$7.00; mutton lambs at \$5.00 to \$6.00; mutton sheep at \$4.25 to \$5.00; stockers at \$3.25 to \$3.50, and bucks at \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Smoking in Church an Innovation. Cable press dispatches from London are responsible for the latest innovation in church services. An enterprising and unorthodox member of Westminster Abbey suggested to workmen upon that building that they give a portion of their dinner hour to religion. He gave them to tobacco, telling them to come, smoke and make themselves at home. The scheme has worked so well that one hundred workmen assembled daily, uniting in hymns and the Lord's prayer. Cops and pipes are called off during the prayers, but at other times they drink from their beer cans.

Patience Better Than Anger. If men would put with patience, meet them with patience; heavy words make the wound, soft language draws it. If forgiveness cures it, and oblivion takes away the scar, it is much better by silence to avoid an injury than by argument to overcome it.—Beaumont.

Hops for Sale. We have a few good sows and pigs for sale. Call on E. H. Carter or R. P. Hopkins.

Remember, we have a full line of John Deere implements. Let us show you before you buy. W. J. POTTS & LEWIS.

Capt. Kidd died, a perfect working disc. See it and read testimonials from different farmers.

Mrs. Frank Kleinmeyer and son, Paul, of Martinsburg, visited this week with Mrs. J. T. Bedbury and family.

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# SAMPSON IS DEAD.

Dies From a Hemorrhage—Since Re-Discovered the Santiago Inquiry He Had Been Unable to Leave His Bed.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Admiral Sampson died at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Admiral Sampson had a violent hemorrhage to-day. His condition was at once critical. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the admiral was unconscious and breathing laboriously. His physician stated that he was failing rapidly and that the end might come at any moment. For several days the

The first grand jury consisted of Thomas Kilgore (Happy Tommy), Foreman; Wm. Woods (Nip Nose Bill), Ed Smith (Sweet Eli), Wm. C. West, Adam Cluck, Jos. McDonald, John Peery, Delaney Willingham, John Wood, John H. Kilgore, Roland McIntire, Jas. Davis, John R. Kilgore (John Brown), John W. Barnett, Joseph Brown and Harrison Norvell (Had Luck Henry).

As the Col. knows how seven-up is played, three-up was a similar game, only shorter, you got to the drinks sooner. Seven-up was the grown dog, three-up the pup.

The first court house was used for court, school and church house, and afterwards as store house and bakery. The first case tried in the old house was for fighting—Law Myers and another gentleman—which I think started about a horse bell. I think Thos. A. Dan Rickman now owns the land on which the first school house stood. The first school house had a fire place and wood was used to make it warm, which the boys cut at noon, while the girls swept the punctured floor with a huck berry broom. The chimney was made of sticks and plastered with mud and straw mixed together. No lights were necessary, as the school hours were from sunrise to sunset, less an hour at noon called play time. RUFUS PEARSON.

Town vs. Academy. There will be a base ball game on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Academy grounds between a nine picked from the business men of this city and the Academy team. There will be no gate fee.

Those from whom the town team will be selected are: A. J. Wincomb, Roland Mason, Ross Cauthorn, Paul Lackland, Oscar Martin, Prof. Barley, E. M. White, Prof. Sharp, P. T. St. Vrain, C. A. Buckner, Tony Buckner and F. R. Jesse.

On account of the inclement weather Tuesday evening Miss Threlkeld postponed her appointment at a state of river cruises, in passing May 8. A large audience should greet her.

Hon. E. W. Stephens and wife, of the Columbia Herald, have gone to Cuba on a visit.

Tricks in Railroad Traffic. In theory freight cars are permitted to run through foreign roads to their destination on the condition that on their arrival they shall be unloaded promptly and stacked on the journey. In practice the freight agent is apt to use the cars that are most handy regardless of their ownership. An agent at Minneapolis would hardly think twice before filling up a Maine Central freight car with lumber for Manitoba. The agent at Manitoba would not suffer a pang of conscience when he found himself stuffing the same car with a cargo of supplies for Waco, Tex. Thus are begun the wanderings of a car which, if it were not for the car accountant and his memoranda there would be no record.—Albany's Magazine.

Word of Her Demise at Columbia, Mo., Received in St. Louis. From Tuesday's Live Stock Reporter. The wife of Turner McElaine, of Columbia, Mo., died in that city this morning. This meagre information came over the wire this morning from Columbia, with no information about the time of burial or funeral arrangements.

It has been known for a long time that Mrs. McElaine was in poor health and her death followed a lingering illness. The deceased was the wife of Turner McElaine, one of Missouri's most prominent cattle feeders, if not the most widely known cattle man, who from that State in the country. He also holds considerable ranch in all parts of the United States where the cattle industry is known as one of the best posted and most scientific and successful cattle feeders in the country, proof of which is periodically given in his shipments to the St. Louis market where his cattle always take the top of the list.

On account of his close association with the live stock trade, the loss which Mr. McElaine has suffered in the death of his helpmeet is deeply regretted at the yards here, as will be the case all over the cattle-raising country where the news is known.

See our Bargain Table in basement, which is loaded down with rare bargains.

Merchandise, Not Marmaduke. George Layher, formerly Washab freight agent in Mexico, writes the following letter to the Ledger, correcting the statement of the pardon of John Bogard.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 4.—My Dear Mr. White: Referring to the attached clipping taken from the weekly Ledger of April 24th, concerning the pardon of Gov. Dockery of John Bogard, of Jackson county, Mo., whose sentence was commuted from death to life imprisonment by Gov. Marmaduke.

For your information I wish to say that the communication referred to was issued by Governor A. P. Marmaduke, instead of Gov. Marmaduke, and in support of this statement I enclose herewith the original letter which was written in my office in Wright City, Mo., June 3, 1898, by Gov. Marmaduke, addressed to Hugh McGowan, Sheriff of Jackson county, Kansas City, Mo., advising him that Bogard's sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

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In my twenty years of railroad experience this is the only telegram, to my knowledge, that I had the pleasure of sending to save a man's life, and which accounts for my having held on to the telegram for the past fourteen years. Yours very truly, GEO. B. LAYHER.

# AN OLD SETTLER.

Adds Some Items to W. F. Switzer's History of Audrain.

To the Editor of the Ledger. Mexico, Mo., May 7.—In Col. Switzer's map of early history of Audrain county, he gets close to the corn, but there are a few places which need a little work. Geo. W. Turley was not a bachelor, but a jolly, loving widower. He married a Miss Spire of Boone county, Mo., a short time before he came to Mexico. She only lived a few years, but left two girls who grew up to be handsome women.

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Town vs. Academy. There will be a base ball game on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Academy grounds between a nine picked from the business men of this city and the Academy team. There will be no gate fee.

Those from whom the town team will be selected are: A. J. Wincomb, Roland Mason, Ross Cauthorn, Paul Lackland, Oscar Martin, Prof. Barley, E. M. White, Prof. Sharp, P. T. St. Vrain, C. A. Buckner, Tony Buckner and F. R. Jesse.

On account of the inclement weather Tuesday evening Miss Threlkeld postponed her appointment at a state of river cruises